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Committees: Agriculture, Forestry, and Wildlife (Chair); Finance (Chair); Labor (Vice Chair)

Biography: Republican, of Addison; born November 5, 1934, at Addison; B.A. with honors, Michigan State University; M.S., agricultural economics, University of Delaware; Kellogg Foundation Fellow, 1968; Federal Executive Institute, 1972; married to Bonnalyn Atwood; children, Juliana Kaye, Bradley LeGrand, Elizabeth Atwood, and Stacia Kathleen; grandchildren, Nicholas Bradley and Emily Beatrice Smith; farmer (cash crops); radio-TV editor, WDEL (Wilmington, Delaware), 1957-59; Captain/Intelligence, USAF, 1959-61; Board of Directors, MFB Insurance Companies; Michigan chairman, ASCS, United States Dept. of Agriculture; Assistant Deputy Administrator for Programs, USDA, 1972-74; chairman, National Disaster Agriculture Program Committee; national director, USDA Energy Office (Washington, D.C.); member, working group of the Presidential Oil Policy Committee, 1972-74; Somerset Township trustee 1962-66; Somerset Township supervisor; County Board of Supervisors, 1966-68; squadron commander, Civil Air Patrol; Masonic Lodge; trustee, Somerset Congregational Church; Kiwanis; State Board of Directors, Michigan Farm Bureau; trustee, Addison Community Hospital; delegate, American Assembly on World Population and Hunger; Michigan Occupational Safety Standards Commission; published Motivation Research Study in Agriculture; Michigan State University scholarship; Michigan State University Varsity Club; Blue Key Honorary; Commandant's Award for Scholastics—USAF; Brookings Institute; National Superior Service Unit Award for work as director of Energy Office, USDA, 1974; Hillsdale County Republican Chairman; Republican nominee for Michigan State University Board of Trustees, 1976; elected to House of Representatives in 1978 and 1980; elected to Senate in 1982, 1986, and 1990; appointed to USDA Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences American Legislative Exchange Council-Agriculture Task Force; selected Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Agriculture Conference, 1985, and by the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association, 1986; National Council of State Legislators Agriculture and Food Committee; appointed to National Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences, 1986; selected Honorary FFA State Star Farmer, 1987; Hillsdale County SCS Conservator of the Year, 1988; Jackson County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Agriculture Award, 1988.

